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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-96 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-9,11,12,14,15,19-22,33,43-69,77-94 and 96 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-5,10,13,17,18,23-32,34-42,70-76 and 95 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/02/01.

- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: ____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's election of invention 1, claims 1-42, 70-76, 95 and 96 and the species including polyesteramide derived from a cyclic amide and cyclic ester, a starch derivatized with ethyleneimine and the crosslinker that is 3(trimethoxysilyl)-1-propanamine in the reply filed on 10/22/2003 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

2. Applicant is advised that claims 1-5, 10, 13, 16-18, 23-32, 34-42, 70-76 and 95 are the only claims which appear to include the elected species of polyesteramide. Claims 6-9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 19-22, 33, 43-69, 77-94 and 96 are withdrawn from further consideration.

3. Applicant's particular elected species is not taught by the prior art of record, however the generic elected claims are not patentable over the art of record.

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-5, 10, 13, 17, 18, 23-32, 34-42 and 70-76 and 95 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Warzelhan et al, US Patent No. 6,353,084.

6. Applicant's invention pertains to a compostable and/or degradable polymer composition comprising the above elected species of components.

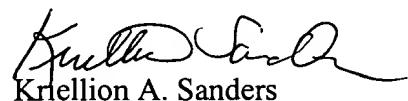
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7. Warzelhan et al '058 discloses biodegradable polyesteramides compositions comprising a polyesteramide formed from the reaction of adipic acid or terephthalic acid or ester forming derivatives thereof, a mixture of dihydroxy compounds. Applicant is advised that since his components may be present in as little as 0% by weight, the invention of Warzelhan et al. is seen to read directly upon the presently claimed invention. Since these components are not critical to the claimed composition their inclusion at the time of the invention would have been obvious, since they do not lend anything of a patentable nature to the invention. Patentee suggests blends of the polyesteramides with polylactone. See col. 11, lines 56-65. Patentee suggests the addition of starch additives at col. 12, line 49 through col. 13, line 14.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kriellion A. Sanders whose telephone number is 571-272-1122. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 6:30-7:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on 571-272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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